

Lewis's Woodpecker

2024 Birdathon Report

We count birds because birds count on us!

The 2024 Montana Audubon Birdathon took place over a 24 hour period starting at 6 pm on June 26, and ending at 6 pm on June 27. Five staff members covered a lot of ground, ranging from Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge in the far north-east corner of the state, to Helena and the Elkhorn Mountains, to Council Groves State Park in the Missoula Valley, and many favorite birding locations in between.

Though thunderstorms in some parts of the state slowed us down a bit, we still managed to detect a grand total of **168 species**, including 25 Species of Concern! (See following page for full list).



Short-eared Owl

Some 2024 highlights:

- Nelson's Sparrow- which has a very limited range in Montana- detected north of Medicine Lake
- Short-eared Owl and Ferruginous Hawk on the prairie outside of Lavina, and Burrowing Owl in a prairie dog town nearby
- Canada Jay in the Elkhorns



Yellow-breasted Chat

- A pair of Yellow-breasted Chats near the National Bison Range
- Purple Martin colony in the town siren in Medicine Lake
- Red-necked Grebe on Pablo Reservoir
- Willow Flycatcher along Prickly Pear Creek
- Clay-colored Sparrow and Wood Duck at the Lewis & Clark Fairgrounds in Helena
- Two Common Loons on Kicking Horse Reservoir
- SO many waterbirds & waterfowl at Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge, including 3 tern species, 3 grebe species, and breeding American White Pelicans, California and Ring-billed Gulls



Canada Jay

Thank you for supporting our 2024 Birdathon!

Your donations allow us to continue our critical conservation, policy, and education work across the state.
Thank you for making our continued work possible.

Montana Audubon's 2024 Birdathon List

Geese, Swans & Ducks

Canada Goose
*Trumpeter Swan**
Wood Duck
Blue-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal
Northern Shoveler
Gadwall
American Wigeon
Mallard
Green-winged Teal
Canvasback
Redhead
Ring-necked Duck
Lesser Scaup
Hooded Merganser
Ruddy Duck

Grouse & Pheasants

Ruffed Grouse
Dusky Grouse
Gray Partridge
Ring-necked Pheasant

Grebes

Pied-billed Grebe
Red-necked Grebe
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe
*Clark's Grebe**

Pigeons & Doves

Rock Pigeon
Eurasian Collared-Dove
Mourning Dove

Nighthawks & Swifts

Common Nighthawk
Chimney Swift
White-throated Swift

Hummingbirds

Black-chinned Hummingbird
Calliope Hummingbird

Rails & Cranes

Sora
American Coot
Sandhill Crane

Shorebirds

American Avocet
Killdeer
Upland Sandpiper
Marbled Godwit
Wilson's Snipe
Spotted Sandpiper
Lesser Yellowlegs
Willet
Wilson's Phalarope

Gulls & Terns

*Franklin's Gull**
Ring-billed Gull
California Gull
*Black Tern**
*Common Tern**
*Forster's Tern**

Loons & Cormorants

*Common Loon**
Double-crested Cormorant

Pelicans, Herons & Ibis

*American White Pelican**
*Great Blue Heron**
*Black-crowned Night-Heron**
*White-faced Ibis**

Vultures & Osprey

Turkey Vulture
Osprey

Eagles & Hawks

*Golden Eagle**
Northern Harrier
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Bald Eagle
Swainson's Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
*Ferruginous Hawk**

Owls

Great Horned Owl
*Burrowing Owl**
Short-eared Owl

Kingfishers

Belted Kingfisher

Woodpeckers

*Lewis's Woodpecker**
Williamson's Sapsucker
Red-naped Sapsucker
American Three-toed
Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
*Pileated Woodpecker**

Falcons

American Kestrel
Merlin
Prairie Falcon

Flycatchers

Western Kingbird
Eastern Kingbird
Western Wood-Pewee
Willow Flycatcher

Least Flycatcher
Hammond's Flycatcher
Dusky Flycatcher
Western Flycatcher
Say's Phoebe

Vireos & Shrikes

Warbling Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
*Loggerhead Shrike**

Corvids

Canada Jay
Steller's Jay
*Clark's Nutcracker**
Black-billed Magpie
American Crow
Common Raven

Chickadees

Black-capped Chickadee
Mountain Chickadee

Larks & Swallows

Horned Lark
Bank Swallow
Tree Swallow
Violet-green Swallow
Northern Rough-winged
Swallow
Purple Martin
Barn Swallow
Cliff Swallow

Kinglets

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Golden-crowned Kinglet

Waxwings, Nuthatches & Creepers

Cedar Waxwing
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
*Brown Creeper**

Wrens

Rock Wren
House Wren
Marsh Wren

Mimics, Starlings & Dippers

Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
American Dipper

Thrushes

Mountain Bluebird
Townsend's Solitaire

Swainson's Thrush
Hermit Thrush
American Robin

Finches

*Evening Grosbeak**
House Finch
*Cassin's Finch**
Red Crossbill
Pine Siskin
American Goldfinch

Longspurs, Sparrows & Towhees

*Chestnut-collared Longspur**
Grasshopper Sparrow
Lark Sparrow
Lark Bunting
Chipping Sparrow
Clay-colored Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
White-crowned Sparrow
Vesper Sparrow
*Nelson's Sparrow**
*Baird's Sparrow**
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Lincoln's Sparrow
Spotted Towhee
House Sparrow

Chats, Blackbirds & Meadowlarks

Yellow-breasted Chat
Yellow-headed Blackbird
*Bobolink**
Western Meadowlark
Orchard Oriole
Bullock's Oriole
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Brewer's Blackbird
Common Grackle

Wood Warblers

MacGillivray's Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
American Redstart
Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Wilson's Warbler

Tanagers, Grosbeaks & Buntings

Western Tanager
Black-headed Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting

Total Species: 168

* Species of Concern